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Subject: Proper Food Labeling

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Mr. Lake,

I believe the EU has already made the choice to label genetically foods as such, and this is one of the points of argument with the US imports, because the US refuses to provide this labeling. I do not view genetic engineering as inherently evil, but I DO view any government's attempt to hide or obfuscate such information from its own citizens as inherently evil. Honest, open, and direct information must indeed be made available, and for food, this should be on each item. I urge you to work to see that this is achieved.

Sincerely,
Kelt Kinnick

> From: Jacque Smillie <ebah@earthlink.net>
> Subject: Fw: ADC Weekly Newsletter 041899 CODEX
> Date: 19 April, 1999 3:41 PM
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> I am so distressed that our government is against labeling genetically
> altered food. We are getting close to having unlabeled irradiated food
> as
> well. Here is a chance to speak up.

> -----Original Message-----
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> >***** The Anti-Dairy Coalition Weekly Newsletter *****
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> >Join the ANTIDAIRY Coalition Join the NOTMILK Generation
> ><http://www.antidairycoalition.com> <http://www.notmilk.com>
> >
> >Dear Friends,
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> >It is rare that we get the opportunity to influence a government act.
> >This is about you and the food you eat vs. the chemical companies who
> >feel that you do not have a right to know whether you consume
> >genetically engineered foods. You have had absolutely no say in the
> >process...up until this moment. Today's newsletter might be the most
> >important thing you ever see or do.
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> >Please read it and forward it to a friend or a discussion group. Think
> >about your children and your loved ones. Do we have a right to know?
> >Our government believes that we do not.

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> >1. A WORLD COMMITTEE DECIDING YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW
> >2. NAMES OF CONGRESSMEN WHO TAKE BRIBES FROM MONSANTO
> >3. AN "INSIDER'S" MEETING ATTENDED BY THE NOTMILKMAN
> >4. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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> >THE NOT-SO SECRET CODE-X
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> >Do you sometimes wonder about the "deals" being made behind closed
> >doors? What happens in Washington? How do rules get made and laws get
> >passed? Rules that affect what chemicals will be allowed in our foods.
> >Rules being passed about whether you have a right to know whether red
> >dye number seventeen or agent orange is to be included in tonight's
> >supper.
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> >CODEX
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> >MOST AMERICANS have not heard of the not-so new agency (established in
> >1962) which will soon make critically important decisions affecting
> >every person on this planet. CODEX, established jointly by the Food and
> >Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World
> >Health Organization (WHO) IN 1962, was set up to facilitate world trade
> >in foods and promote consumer protection through the development of
> >international food standards. Codex membership currently stands in
> >excess of 150 countries.
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> >GENETIC ENGINEERING
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> >MILK became the first wide scale genetically engineered product for
> >Americans. Cow's naturally occurring hormones are now genetically
> >engineered, their components combined with E. Coli bacteria to produce a
> >version of that hormone in large quantities. When injected into cows,
> >more milk is produced. However, the new milk is different.
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> >THE MEETING
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> >On Thursday, April 15, 1999, I attended a meeting/policy discussion
> >headed by Robert Lake, the U.S. delegate to CODEX. Meetings of this
> >type are standard for Washington, DC. Attendees included
> >representatives from Coca-Cola, Campbell Soup, American Frozen Food
> >Institute, International Life Sciences Institute, Hershey's, Best Foods,
> >Proctor & Gamble, Monsanto and dozens of other companies. There were
> >also representatives from government agencies including FDA, USDA and
> >the State Department. Also attending were attorneys and two scientists
> >from Consumers Union.
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> >THE ISSUE - CONSUMER'S RIGHT TO KNOW
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> >The United States currently holds the position that genetically
> >engineered foods should not carry a label identifying them as such. That
> >position is supposedly based upon science. It is not. It is based upon
> >fraud, misconceptions and influence.
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> >THE FLAWED CONCLUSION
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> >When Monsanto first started doing research on the genetically engineered
> >bovine growth hormone they realized its potential to change all of the
> >foods in our supermarkets. Their agenda was to make regulators believe
> >that genetically engineered foods were indistinguishable from the
> >"wholesome foods" that they replaced. In order to exert their
> >influence, Monsanto called in a favor from C. Everett Koop, the esteemed
> >ex-surgeon general. Koop wrote a position paper about rbGH milk,
> >calling it exactly the same as "wholesome milk."

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> >DOMINOS
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> >FDA's finger of approval also set into motion a long line of falling
> >dominos. USDA, NIH, GAO, FAO, WHO, JAMA, etc. The entire fraud is laid
> >out in detail:
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> ><http://www.antidairycoalition.com/010399.html>
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> >CONGRESS - THE CROOKS WHO TAKE BRIBES
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> >Congress considered labeling milk containing the new hormone. Four
> >members of the Dairy, Livestock and Poultry Committee took "bribes" from
> >Monsanto while voting on a bill that would have required the
> >manufacturers to let the public know what they were consuming.
> >Congressmen call such bribes PAC money. In this case, Monsanto gave
> >money to these crooks: Volkmer, Dooley, Gunderson and Pombo.
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> >EVIDENCE OF SCIENTIFIC FRAUD
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> >Genetic engineering does not work. The "SYSTEM" does not work.
> >Monsanto created a "FREAK" amino acid when they first made rbGH.
> >Monsanto did not inform FDA. To this day, FDA refuses to deal with this
> >"SCIENTIFIC FACT."
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> >REAL SCIENCE
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> >Monsanto admitted the error in the July, 1994 issue of the Journal of
> >Protein Science. Monsanto scientist, Bernard Violand, Ph.D., published
> >evidence of this error. However, Monsanto never told FDA.
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> >One amino acid difference in a protein can result in Alzheimer's or
> >diabetes. Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease in which one amino
> >acid is different. With rbGH, Monsanto replaced the #144 protein LYSINE
> >with epsilon-N-acetyllysine, a "FREAK." This word ("FREAK") was used by
> >Monsanto's own scientist and author, Bernard Violand.
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> >A FAIR HEARING
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> >Robert Lake, United States delegate, afforded me the opportunity to
> >present any and all information to this group of manufacturers and
> >government officials. To Lake, and the attendees, the major issue was:
> >HOW CAN WE POSITION OURSELVES AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING? As far as I
> >was concerned, the major issue was that the American position was
> >flawed.
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> >FINAL QUESTION
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> >Near the end of the meeting I was given a final opportunity (my fifth)
> >to speak to the assemblage. I asked this question.
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> >"Is there any manufacturer who believes that we will not make another
> >mistake? Don't consumers have a right to know what they are buying?
> >Shouldn't genetically engineered foods have labels?"
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> >I asked for a show of hands from the food manufacturers. "Who believes
> >that the science is perfect and who believes that we will make no
> >mistakes with the new technology?" Not one hand went up. I asked the
> >question again in a different form. "If you all agree that there might
> >be a future genetically engineered error, should we not label foods?
> >Does anyone believe that the science is perfect?"
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> >One hand went up in the back of the room.
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> >"May I ask what company you represent?"
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> >Her answer: "I work for the State Department."
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> >CONCLUSION
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> >The United States position is based upon flawed science.
> >I submitted detailed evidence (Chapter three of my book) to Mr. Lake,
> >the U.S. delegate. He politely turned down my informational offer.
> >Committees such as this one often base their decisions upon information
> >submitted from those who lobby, on behalf of their well-funded clients.
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> >WHO PAYS THE EXPENSES?
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> >I was probably the only person in that room who paid his own way to and
> >from the meeting. I cannot compete financially with Monsanto and Coca-
> >Cola.
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> >CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
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> >Here is your opportunity. This could be our one best chance to make a
> >difference. CODEX meets in Canada next week. Here is the CODEX
> >telephone number, FAX number, EMAIL address and snail mail address.
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> >Would you take the time to make your opinion known?
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> >This file at: (<http://www.antidairycoalition.com/041899.html>)
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